

GAYTON NEWS – WINTER 2023



Christmas Bin collections. Due to Christmas Day falling on a Monday this year and Boxing Day on a Tuesday, Gayton's black bins will be emptied on Saturday 23 December instead of Tuesday 27 December. Please leave your bin and food caddy out by 6.30am on Saturday 23rd December. **Garden waste.** Those subscribed to the service are advised there will be a short break in collections from 23 December until 5 January. **Christmas Tree collections.** Crews will collect **real** Christmas trees between 8 and 19 January. You don't have to have a garden waste (green bin) subscription for us to take real trees away. Put them out on the day garden waste (green/blue bin) is due to be collected. **Food waste.** Food waste bins will continue to be collected on their usual weekly schedule. Please remember you can recycle leftover raw and cooked foods, including veg peelings, egg shells, out-of-date food, plate scrapings, solid fats, meat and fish bones. Do not put any liquids in the caddy. **Additional recycling.** Additional recycling can be put out in clear plastic bags or boxes alongside recycling bins and boxes, or can be taken to the nearest Household Waste Recycling Centre.



Report fly-tipping. Fly-tipping is the illegal disposal of waste and is a criminal offence that can carry a sentence of 5 years' imprisonment and a fine. It is an eyesore, it is degrading to communities, it causes pollution, it creates a danger to people and wildlife, it costs tax payers in Northamptonshire over £750,000 to deal with every year.

WNC have the power to issue on-the-spot fines for fly-tipping, and to seize vehicles which have been used in fly-tipping. The Fixed Penalty Notice for fly-tipping is £400. Please 'Report fly-tipping'. If you witness waste being illegally dumped in West Northants it is vital you report it to us so we can remove the rubbish and take action against the offender, where possible.
www.westnorthants.gov.uk/street-cleansing/report-fly-tipping

Report Blocked Gullies. West Northants Council confirms that all gullies are cleansed on a routine cleansing cycle. The period in which these are cleansed depends on the area. In Gayton these are cleansed on a 2-yearly basis, with the last cleanse being in 2022. The next cleanse cycle for Gayton will be roughly October 2024. Gayton Parish Councillor Roger Clarke is the nominated Councillor for Gullies/Drains/Highways within the village. Please email roger.clarke@gaytonparishcouncil.gov.uk regarding these matters, or report blocked gullies at fixmystreet.northamptonshire.gov.uk. You will be able to pin point the particular gully that is causing the issue and will be kept up to date with any actions as the report is updated. If you are unable to report this yourself please contact Cllr Roger Clarke.

Gayton Litter Pick

A big thank you to everyone who has already and who is going to litter pick in and around our village. West Northants Council send their thanks. The next litter pick will be Saturday 6 – Sunday 14 April 2024. Karen karencooper@mortimers.uk.com Tel: 07753 638180



GG&AS Annual Village Show

A very early bird 'shout out'.

We had so much fun at the first revival of the Village Produce Show in September that we have decided to do it all again in 2024.

Winter is the ideal time to plan which seeds and bulbs to plant in the spring. So, with that in mind, why not add a few extra and enter some flowers or vegetables in the show next year.

Our next meeting will be held in December to finalise the date and schedule of classes. We are aiming for early August 2024 and will publish confirmation ASAP.



There are trophies to be won including, best onion, best plate of potatoes and best in show and, possibly more important to some, there will be delicious cake, tea and coffee to be enjoyed.

We have entry classes for crafters too, so get out your knitting needles, crochet hooks and paint brushes and make some magic.

We will be posting regularly on Facebook to keep you up to date.

Photos from our 2023 show

Judy Hamilton
For Gayton Gardeners and
Allotment Society (GG&AS)





GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Gayton Parish Council has a 'NEW WEBSITE' which can be found at
<https://gaytonparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

This is a new website, in its infancy, which will be growing over time. You can find information about the Parish Council, its Members and their contact details, contact details for the Clerk, meetings dates, agendas, minutes and more **HAVE A LOOK**

The next Gayton Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 18 January 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Please come along.

Gayton Parish Councillor responsibilities. Each Councillor is responsible for part of the make up of the village. Should you have questions, concerns etc regarding any aspect, please contact the Councillor responsible, they will be able to help you.

Cllr Anna Goddard - School Liaison
anna.goddard@gaytonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Cllr Roger Clarke - Gullies/Drains/Highways
roger.clarke@gaytonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Cllr Carl Hamilton - Street Lights Cllr Hollin - General Maintenance
carl.hamilton@gaytonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Cllr David Glanville - Planning Applications & Village Hall Committee
david.glanville@gaytonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Cllr Rachael Billing – Rights of Way and hedges
rachel.billing@gaytonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Cllr's Rex Goddard & David Glanville – VAS Devices (The Vehicle Activated Speed signs within the village)
rex.goddard@gaytonparishcouncil.gov.uk
david.glanville@gaytonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Liam Hollis – General Maintenance
Contact via the Clerk clerkgaytonpc@gmail.com

St Mary's Church Gayton Sunday 10th December at 5.00pm

A Service of Readings and Carols supported by the Gayton Festival Singers. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. Everyone welcome. Please come along.





Gayton continues to suffer from irresponsible dog owners who do not clean up after their dogs.

There are continued reports of dog fouling on streets in the village. In the past couple of weeks there has been dog fouling in the children's play area and on the green, where children play.

Gayton Parish Council have provided dog bins around the village to make it easy to dispose of dog mess. You can also dispose of this in your black bin at home.

There is no excuse to leave it. Please clean it up and bin it.

Dog fouling and the LAW. Dog mess is the most unacceptable and offensive type of litter on our streets. Research tells us that dog fouling is the issue the public are most concerned about.

Dog fouling is not only deeply unpleasant, it is dangerous. Whilst rare, contact with dog excrement can cause toxocarasis – a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness or seizures.

While most dog owners are caring, responsible individuals, there are still some people who do not clean up after their pets.

Anyone who fails to clear up after their dog can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100. If the case goes to court this could cost the owner or person in charge of the animal £1,000. The law states that being unaware a dog has fouled or not having a suitable bag is not a reasonable excuse.

Childrens Play Area

I have received several reports of the gates to the children's play area being left open, being wedged open, as well as the report of dog fouling in the play area.

It is essential that the gates to the children's play area are kept closed, for children's safety and to keep dogs out. Dogs are not permitted in the play area.

Please educate your children to close the gates when they enter and when they leave the play area. Thank you.

Karen Cooper

Winter fuel costs are rising again!

If you are finding it difficult to cope with ever increasing cost of living Gayton Alms Charities may be able to help with financial assistance.

For information contact David Coppock, Chair of Trustees, on 01604 859545
All calls and any subsequent applications will be dealt with in strictest confidence.

Please note: Anyone applying for assistance must be resident in the Parish of Gayton.



Changes to the Post Office adjacent to the GP Surgery, Levitts Road, Bugbrooke

Regrettably, following the resignation of the postmaster and the withdrawal of the premises for Post Office use, the above branch will be closing temporarily on Friday 12 January 2024 at 4pm.

us, and we will continue to work hard to restore services in the area as soon as possible. I would like to assure you that we are currently investigating the options available which will enable us to reinstate a Post Office service to the local community. In exploring this, it is important that any future service is sustainable for the person operating the service, and for Post Office Limited. Future provision will reflect customer numbers and usage and we may take the opportunity to establish an alternative type of service. This may be a local style branch which runs alongside an established retail shop in newly refurbished premises and creates a more modern and convenient experience for customers.

If you have any questions you would like to raise about this matter, please write to me via the National Consultation Team at the address shown at the end of the letter. Please note that your comments will not be kept confidential unless you expressly ask us to do so by clearly marking them "In Confidence". Any future changes to service provision would be handled in line with our Principles of Community Engagement. We will display posters in the branch to inform customers. We apologise for the inconvenience the temporary closure may cause.

Anthony Bayley. Network Provision Lead

How to contact us: comments@postoffice.co.uk. postofficeviews.co.uk. FREEPOST Your Comment

There is a Post Office located in the Blisworth Store on High Street, Blisworth

**Post Office Opening Times – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9am - 1pm & 2 - 5.30pm
Wednesday 9am - 1pm, Saturday 9am - 12.30pm, Sunday – closed.**

Also, in the Kislingbury Store on Church Street, Kislingbury

Post Office Opening Times – Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm, Saturday 9am – 12.30pm, Sunday - closed.

Gayton and Tiffield Community Minibus

Our extended service to cover Eastcote, Dalscote, Pattishall and Astcote has been running since June and we are now getting more passengers on the bus. The small extra journey time does not appear to be important as passengers are already on the bus in the warm and dry.



Our current timetable is on the back cover. Please note that both the Tuesday and Friday services are now the same with the bus leaving Gayton as before at 9:30 but then going through the other villages to Towcester, and then on to Northampton (if requested when getting on). The bus will then return to collect from Towcester, drop off passengers in the villages and then collect anyone from Northampton. This will allow about an hour each in Towcester and Northampton.

If you have any comments to make about the service please contact me.

West Northamptonshire have continued to support us with grant funding at the same level as last year (not inflation linked!) which is an important source of income for us, as well as our fares (both cash and refunded concessionary ones) and private hire.

The grants we gratefully received from both Gayton and Tiffield Parish Councils have now been used for training all of our nine volunteer drivers to obtain minibus MiDAS licences (which are a legal requirement).

Our new drivers, Pete Baxter and John Rogers from Gayton, seem to be enjoying driving, so with our new state of the art, air conditioned minibus and the increase in our service area to hopefully draw in extra funding, the future at the moment is looking good.

Thanks go to team of nine dedicated drivers which also includes Manja and Jens from Gayton and to our Trustees who run things behind the scenes.

Please remember that we are a charity and it is a community bus, so if you want to hire a 16 seater (plus driver) for trips out, airport runs, sports or social events please contact us to see if we are available. Recent trips have been to local pubs and restaurants, airport runs, monthly dining club visits and regular darts team away matches.

Steve Jowers – Chairman, Gayton and Tiffield Community Transport stevejowers@gmail.com
Tel: 01327 350 292 – 07890 764 633

Gayton's Gumball

The Gayton Gumball started as a pipe dream when Martyn Cheeseman and Les Thomas were in the Eykyn Arms having a pint and it seemed to gather legs the more they discussed it! Eventually Gayton's Gumball ended up with 17 locals taking part in 6 vehicles.

The aim was to raise enough money to install a defibrillator at the Eykyn arms, giving the village a second one.

Martyn, Les, Ronnie, Tom, Peter, Gavin, Tony, Karl, Rich, Nathan, Eamon, Mark, Brian, Paul and Pete left Gayton on the 16th of September and were joined by Paul and Iestyn over the weekend.

They travelled to Amsterdam, on the 17th we travelled to Cologne, the 18th to Luxembourg, the 19th to Strasbourg, the 20th to Riems, the 21st to Brussels and travelled back to Gayton on the 22nd September.

The aim was to do it in as cheap a car as possible, use the least amount of fuel and travel the least amount of miles.





In all they managed to raise £1781 through amazing donations made by people in the village and surrounding areas with the crowd funding put on Gayton village page, from which they completed the install of the new defibrillator at The Eykyn Arms (Thanks to Karen and John for allowing this). The Gumballers will raise funds for its maintenance.



A massive thank you to everyone who helped make this happen.

They have been very lucky, and have received a donation of another defibrillator, which they will buy a cabinet for. Gayton Church have voted and have agreed it's a great idea to locate it at the Church, and a great resource for the village, so hopefully it shouldn't be long.

Martyn Cheeseman



Dear Friends in Gayton

Through Gayton News we wish you all a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy and Healthy 2024**. Instead of delivering Christmas cards to you, we shall once again be making a donation to Gayton Church Heritage Trust.

Jens & Manja, 6 Baker Street

Gayton Walkers

The walkers continue to meet on 2nd Sundays of the month at 10am at Fiveways. The numbers are quite depleted, not sure why - weather, holidays, walks too long? Please let me know.

The walks in the last 3 months have been:

Farthingstone across the now closed golf course. Tiffield to Caldecote and back to The George pub. Abthorpe, Slapton, Bradden. This walk was curtailed as it was a very hot day but we retired to The New Inn at Abthorpe to recover. It coincided with the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Ride & Stride Fund-raising Day. I was able to raise £120 thanks to generous sponsorship. Half the sum will be donated to St Mary's church.



The next walk will be on Sunday 10 December meeting at 10am, destination unknown at present.

Also, join us for a News Year's Day walk at 11am, meeting at Fiveways. No more than an hour. Remember to wear sensible suitable footwear it could be wet, muddy, icy.

Robin Kelso robin.kelso@btinternet.com



Chain Gang

I still have a faithful group who help to keep the stiles and footpaths clear but, at this time of year, it is an uphill task. I would like a few more people to help. At present, we tend to work weekdays but I might get more volunteers at weekends. If you would like to join us, please let me know. No skill required but rake, secateurs and gloves would be helpful.

Robin Kelso

Churchyard Working Party

John Upson in conjunction with churchwarden Andy Hartley, has been leading a group trying to clear the churchyard wall, gravestones etc and expose graves that have been completely lost due to undergrowth. The group have been meeting on the 1st Saturday of the month at 10am. It has become apparent that more sessions are needed or the undergrowth will win. Please try to find an hour or so to help restore this historic area which complements our lovely church. For more information, contact me.

Robin Kelso

GAYTON & TIFFIELD COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

MINIBUS TIMETABLE & FARES – From 1st June 2023 - TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS ONLY

FARES: BUS PASSES – FREE. ALL OTHER FARES £2 SINGLE

BUS TO TOWCESTER IS A SCHEDULED SERVICE

BUS TO NORTHAMPTON IS A REQUEST SERVICE ONLY

Please note the timetable may be subject to minor delays depending on unforeseen circumstances

TO TOWCESTER – SCHEDULED SERVICE

Stage	Gayton - start	9.30	Dep	Gayton – Hillcrest Rd, Five Ways, High St, Back Lane
1	Tiffield	9.40		Tiffield High Street – North and South
	Eastcote	9.50		Eastcote High Street – Eastcote Arms
	Pattishall	9.55		Pattishall – Church St, Fosters Booth Rd, Leys Rd, Pool Cl
	Astcote	10.00		Astcote School, High Street
	Towcester	10.05	Arr	Towcester – Tesco, Aldi, B&M, Market Sq, Waitrose

TO NORTHAMPTON BY REQUEST

2	Towcester	10.10	Dep	Towcester – Waitrose
	Northampton	10.25		Tesco - Mereway
	Northampton	10.35		Northampton - Morrisons
	Northampton	10.40	Arr	Northampton - Drapery

RETURN FROM TOWCESTER – SCHEDULED SERVICE

3	Towcester	11.15	Dep	Towcester – Waitrose, Market Square
	Towcester	11.20		Towcester – Tesco, Aldo, B&M
	Tiffield	11.25		Tiffield High Street – South and North
	Gayton	11.30		Gayton – Hillcrest Rd, Five Ways, High St, Back Lane
	Eastcote	11.35		Eastcote High Street – Eastcote Arms
	Astcote	11.40		Astcote School, High Street
	Pattishall	11.45	Arr	Pattishall – Church St, Fosters Booth Rd, Leys Rd, Pool Cl

RETURN FROM NORTHAMPTON – BY REQUEST – COLLECTION TIMES TO BE CONFIRMED BY PASSENGERS

4	Northampton	12.05 approx dep		Northampton – Drapery
	Northampton	12.10		Northampton - Morrisons
	Northampton	12.15		Northampton – Tesco – Mereway
	Gayton	12.25		Gayton – Hillcrest Rd, Five Ways, High St, Back Lane
	Tiffield	12.30		Tiffield – High Street – North and South
	Eastcote	12.40		Eastcote – High Street – Eastcote Arms
	Astcote	12.45		Astcote School – High Street
	Pattishall	12.50	Arr	Pattishall – Church St, Fosters Booth Rd, Leys Rd, Pool Cl

St Mary the Virgin church

This time last year the church was swimming along quite smoothly with not too much to worry about other than the normal humdrum of pastoral provision in the parish. Then midway through 2023 we were faced with the reality of Karen, the vicar, moving on to another benefice, leaving the church councils and wardens the task of trying recruit a suitable candidate to fill the proverbial void. There is a real scarcity of vicars these days and many parishes around the country are facing periods of several years in such a dilemma, fingers crossed that here in the combined Amelcote Benefice, we will strike it lucky sooner rather than later.

In the meantime, service continues as best as it can. This being the approach to Christmas, what better time to highlight a few seasonal events:

Sunday 10th of December, 5.00pm, our very own Service of Readings and Carols supported by the Gayton Festival Singers. Light refreshments will of course be on hand afterwards should an added incentive be required.

Monday 18th of December, 2.00pm, the school Christingle Service.

Christmas Day 10.00am, the combined benefice Christmas Service at Holy Cross church, Pattishall, led by Rev Richard Ormston, the Archdeacon of Northampton.

The usual Sunday communion service rota continues after Christmas with Gayton hosting the 10.00am service on the 4th Sunday of each month.

Should any of you need to contact the church for any reason, the church wardens (Andy Hartley and John Rogers) and pastoral lay reader (Jean Pugh) would be more than willing to help, full contact details are available on the church noticeboard.

An article in the Christmas edition of Gayton News would not be complete without a heartfelt thank you to all those volunteers who have helped us through the last twelve months. All the PCC members, those who drop in to assist with the cleaning, the outdoor types that are giving the graveyard a continual make-over, whether this be as part of the regular working group or as one of the “independents” and the many that help the summer Open Gardens event be such a success. Finally, a very big thank you to Penny Taylor for her commitment and support of the services on the organ. We are very grateful to you all.

Finally, those on the Parochial Church Council would like to wish the residents of Gayton a happy Christmas and of course, the best of fortunes and a peaceful New Year, 2024.

Andy Hartley.

The next edition of the Gayton News will be published in March 2024. Please send me your articles, news, photos etc by Friday 16 March. It will be distributed to the village 22 – 25 March 2024. Thank you, Karen. karencooper@mortimers.uk.com Tel: 07753 638180

Gayton Evergreen Club

Members continue to enjoy a monthly meeting at the Eykyn Arms. Thank you to Karen and John for their warm welcome and excellent service.

Our December meeting will be a little bit different to mark the festive season, with a lunch instead of a coffee morning.

The dates of future Coffee and Chat Mornings are:

Wednesday 10th January

Wednesday 14th February

Wednesday 13th March

Wednesday 10th April

At the Eykyn Arms starting at 10.00 am.

These meetings are open to anyone who would like to join us. There is no subscription to join the club, its pay as you go.

Further information from:

Carol Coppock 01604 859645 carol.coppock14@gmail.com

Manja Ronne 01604 859243 ManjaRonne@btinternet.com



Coffee & Chat



CHRISTMAS QUIZ

The Quiz this year is similar to a popular one we did some years ago, and is all about word associations.

Here are 100 seemingly unconnected pairs of words. The idea is to find a third word which can be paired with both the given words. The third word

may come either before or after the given word, and may, in a few cases be attached to the given word. A few words may be names, place names or other proper nouns.

Some words may occur more than once, but with a different pairing, will have a different answer. There are no two answers the same.

For example : Frying Cake PAN
 Legs Rain BOW

This is an enjoyable one for the whole family, so have fun! The large number of entries last year resulted in a very close result, though no-one achieved 100%. As usual, the magnificent prize of £10 will be awarded to the highest score, with £3 and £2 for 2nd and 3rd.

Entries should be delivered to me at 12 St. Mary's Court by Sunday January 7th. A tie at any level will result in a draw by an independent person.

Wendy Steer